

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority when the victim **does not or cannot consent**. Rape, nonconsensual sodomy, and indecent assaults are all forms of sexual assault. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender and/or spousal relationship. The Army recognizes sexual assault in the spousal relationship as Domestic Abuse.

Victim Reporting Options for incidents of Sexual Assault:

Service Member victims of sexual assault have a choice in how they report the incident.

Restricted reporting - Allows victims to speak with the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocate, Healthcare Provider or Chaplain without triggering the investigative process.

Unrestricted reporting – Allows victims to initiate the investigative process while still receiving desired medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling.

No matter how a person dresses, talks, or socializes; sexual violence is not the victim's fault.



RESOURCES

Ft. Riley Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response
24 hours – 785-307-1373

Ft. Riley Victim Advocate Program
785-239-9435

Ft. Riley Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
785-239-2991/307-1372

Military One Source
1-800-464-8107

Chaplains
785-239-4357

IACH – Emergency Room
785-239-7777

Military Police
785-239-MPMP (6767)

Local Police
(on and off post)
911

For confidential, free services, including safe shelter, call The Crisis Center, Inc.
24 hours – 1-800-727-2785

Kansas Statewide Hotline
1-888-END-ABUSE (363-2287)

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Fort Riley Victim Advocate Program



Providing free, 24 hour services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault

Army Community Services
Family Advocacy Program
Bldg 7264 Normandy Dr.
Fort Riley, KS 66442
785-239-9435

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic Abuse is Domestic Violence or a pattern of behavior resulting in physical, emotional and/or psychological abuse, economic control and/or interference with personal liberty when such violence or abuse is directed toward an intimate partner.

Many people think domestic abuse will go away on its own. Research shows domestic abuse gets worse with time and is very harmful emotionally and physically, sometimes resulting in death.

YOU MAY BE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE IF YOUR PARTNER:

- Uses physical violence against you
- Uses his/her temper, jealous rages or anger to frighten you
- Forces sex against your will
- Isolates you from friends or family
- Frequently threatens to physically harm you, your children or your pets
- Calls you names, puts you down or plays mind games
- Blames you for ruining his/her military career
- Controls your access to food, money and necessities

The Department of Defense is committed to ensuring victims of Domestic Abuse are protected, treated with dignity and respect and provided support, advocacy and care.

VICTIM REPORTING OPTIONS FOR INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:

These reporting options apply to adult victims of Domestic Abuse who have attained the age of 18 or are married and who are eligible to receive military medical treatment.

Restricted Reporting – Allows victims the option to disclose the details of a Domestic Abuse incident to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment, victim advocacy services and counseling without triggering the investigative process and/or notification to the chain of command.

To Obtain a Restricted Report the victim MUST report the abuse to a:

1. Victim Advocate
2. Victim Advocate Supervisor (or designee)
3. Healthcare Provider

Failure to report a Domestic Abuse incident to the above professionals may result in an unrestricted report. Some exceptions apply to the restricted reporting option.

In addition, a victim must acknowledge in writing his or her understanding that restricted reporting may limit the ability of the government to prosecute the offender.

Unrestricted Reporting – Allows victims to file an official report with law enforcement, which initiates the investigative process. At Fort Riley, the Military Police are the Reporting Point of contact for incidents of Domestic Abuse.

WHAT IS A VICTIM ADVOCATE?

A **Victim Advocate** is someone who provides support to individuals who have experienced Domestic Abuse and/or sexual assault. The primary goals of the Victim Advocate Program are to ensure victim safety and empower individuals to make their own decisions to improve their quality of life for themselves and/or their children.

A VICTIM ADVOCATE PROVIDES:

- ✓ Safety planning
- ✓ Risk assessment
- ✓ Crisis intervention
- ✓ Coordination of emergency services: transportation, housing, food, etc.
- ✓ Information about spouse benefits
- ✓ Assistance in locating safe shelter
- ✓ Advocacy with commanders
- ✓ Assistance in the coordination of obtaining protection from abuse and/or protection from stalking orders
- ✓ Accompany clients to meetings with lawyers, police, and/or command
- ✓ Information referrals to both on and off post agencies

